

Science Program Director – Interagency Agreement/ Rotational Opportunity

The Puget Sound Partnership is looking for an experienced professional to help build its science program to a nationally recognized level of excellence. The Puget Sound Partnership was established as a state agency by the 2007 Legislature and the Governor to develop and implement an aggressive, science-based, action agenda for restoring the health of Puget Sound by 2020.

As part of the Agency's Management Team, this position would work closely with members of the Science Panel, Leadership Council, and Ecosystem Coordination Board (ECB) to develop and implement a strategic science and monitoring program to meet the Partnership's goals and mission. The leadership on these boards include: Leadership Council Chair and Vice Chair, Bill Ruckelshaus and Martha Kongsgaard; ECB Chair, Dave Somers; and Science Panel 2009 chair and 2010 chair, Joel Baker and Timothy Quinn. To find out more about the boards see www.psp.wa.gov.

In order to implement new ideas and take new directions, the Partnership is looking for an experienced professional to fill this crucial role for the next 2 years. The Partnership is seeking to work with current employers to create a full-time project assignment to provide skilled guidance to the agency at this critical phase, while providing a highly visible, challenging, and exciting opportunity for both the individual and their sponsoring employer (agency, university, or other). The salary for this position will be commensurate with experience.

Some of the duties include:

- Manage and build agency's Science and Monitoring Team – currently four positions
- Work with the Partnership's Science Panel and other leadership to develop and implement a Strategic Science Program
- Work with the Partnership's Performance Manager and staff to incorporate scientific information regarding the Sound into the performance management framework
- Oversee and facilitate staff efforts to develop and implement a coordinated ecosystem monitoring assessment program working with the Science Panel and the State Monitoring Forum
- Manage the Partnership budget related to science and monitoring activities undertaken or funded by the Partnership
- Advise the Executive Director on Puget Sound science and monitoring issues
- Represent the Partnership and its Strategic Science Program as needed at local, state, regional, national, and trans-boundary forums

- Coordinate with scientists and managers at state, federal, and tribal agencies to help develop science programs that support implementation of the Strategic Science Program, Monitoring Program, and Biennial Science Work Plan.

The Partnership seeks to fill this position with a well-established scientist who has the following qualifications:

- A PhD in a science discipline relevant to management of ecological systems,
- A minimum of 8 years experience working with decision-makers or policy development related to management of ecological systems,
- A minimum of 2 years experience supervising staff and managing programs,
- Experience in effectively communicating science-related materials to senior executives, scientists, agency staff, stakeholders, and the public, and
- Knowledge of natural resource and environmental issues and science related to the recovery of Puget Sound.

To apply, please send your CV and a one-page letter of interest to applications@psp.wa.gov by December 31, 2009.